

*In Loving Memory  
of  
Marvin Lewis, Sr.*



*Sunrise  
November 14, 1922*

*Sunset  
June 22, 2003*

*Services Held  
Friday, June 27, 2003 11:00am  
St. John Missionary Baptist Church  
662 South 52<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Richmond, California  
Dr. Kevin B. Hall, Pastor*

## *Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Scriptures*

*Old Testament ~ Reverend Ben Clark  
New Testament ~ Minister Philip McLeod*

*Prayer*

*Reverend Melvin Williams*

*Solo*

***"Precious Lord"***

*Reverend Lloyd Farr, Soloist  
(Requested by Deacon Marvin Lewis)*

*Acknowledgments/Resolution*

*Consuelo Lewis*

*Musical Selection*

*Joe & Doris Bumpus  
Tim & Dasha Moore*

*Remarks*

*(2 minutes, Please)*

*Reflections*

*Kenneth Lewis*

*Obituary Tribute*

*(Read Silently)*

*Solo*

***"Going Up Yonder"***

*Vincent Lewis*

*Words of Comfort*

*Dr. Kevin B. Hall*

*Parting View*

*Wilson & Kratzer*

*Recessional*

### ***Interment***

*Rolling Hills Memorial Park  
4100 Hilltop Drive  
Richmond, California*

## Obituary Tribute

Marvin Lewis was born November 14, 1922 in Stamps, Arkansas. His father and mother, Dock and Liddy Lewis, preceded him in death many years ago. Also preceding him in death were his sister Annie Bell and his brother Hosie Lewis.

Marvin relocated to Lewisville, Arkansas where he resided until he entered the United States Army on April 4, 1941. He was stationed in Europe for nine months and was Honorably Discharged with the Military Rank of Sergeant, on November 11, 1945. Marvin then settled in Richmond, California, where he resided until the Lord called him home.

Marvin met, courted, and united in Holy Matrimony with Miss Gladys Jones, on February 3, 1946. This loving couple recently celebrated their 57<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. To their loving union, seven children were born.

During the course of his employment, he held two jobs; his primary job was working for the United States Naval Air Station Alameda, California and as a Seasonal Worker for Del Monte Cannery in Oakland, California. After his Retirement, he continued his employment working as a Security Guard for Standard Oil Company in Richmond, California. He was also a Handyman helping all that would call in need of his services.

Marvin was ordained as a Deacon at North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church and served as Co-chairman, and later became Chairman of the Deacon Board, where he fulfilled his duties, visiting the sick, the shut-in, serving communion all over the East Bay and giving encouragement to those in need. Four and a half years ago, he and his family became members of St. John Missionary Baptist Church, where he faithfully continued his service as a Deacon. He was a strong and devoted Christian man, who exhibited Christian Leadership skills that were a role model to many.

Marvin Lewis, Sr. leaves to cherish his homegoing, Gladys Lewis, his loving and devoted wife; his children, Marvin Lewis, Jr., of Richmond, CA; Kenneth Lewis of Vallejo, CA; Vincent Lewis of Munich, Germany; Dwight Lewis of Pinole, CA; Shirley Lewis of Richmond, CA; Zandra Lewis of Pinole, CA; Joann Embrey of Kalamazoo, Michigan; one sister, Rochelle Warren of Oakland, CA; one brother, Calvin Lewis of Union City, CA; three daughters-in-law, Sabra Lewis of Richmond, CA; Consuelo Lewis of Vallejo, CA; Debra Lewis of Pinole, CA; six sisters-in-law, Verna B. Jefferson of Oakland, CA; Marian J. Archield of Oakland, CA; Cleo Jones of Richmond, CA; Willie Mae Jones of Oakland, CA; Lenora J. Stewart of Kalamazoo, MI; Adrienne Lewis of Union City, CA; three brothers-in-law, James Warren of Oakland, CA; Robert Stewart and James Jones of Kalamazoo, MI; a special niece, Mary Ann Villa of Oakland, CA; nineteen grand children, sixteen great grand children. He also leaves behind a host of other relatives, friends, and church family.

*Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Lewis  
25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration*



*Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Lewis*



*Retirement Honoree  
United States Naval Station Alameda*



*Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Lewis  
At Marvin's Retirement Ceremony*

*Mr. & Mrs Marwin Lewis*  
*At Gladys' Birthday Celebration*



***“The Day God Called You Home”***

*In tears we saw you sinking, and watched you fade away,  
Our hearts were almost broken; we wanted you to stay.  
But when we saw you sleeping, so peaceful, free from pain.  
How could we wish you back with us, to suffer pain again.  
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.*

## ***Active Pallbearers***

*The Deacons of St. John Missionary Baptist Church*

## ***Honorary Pallbearers***

*Reverend Melvin Williams*

*Levi Hill*

*Mark Geegan*

*Cleveland Farrell*

## ***Acknowledgment***

Perhaps you sang a touching song, or came and sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent lovely flowers; if so, we saw them there.

Perhaps you sent or spoke comforting words, or helped us pray.

Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Perhaps you prepared some tasty food.

Perhaps you rendered a service unseen, right here or afar.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
we thank you sincerely ~ whatever the part.

*The Family of Marvin Lewis, Sr.*

## ***To Those I Loved and Those Who Loved Me***

When I am gone, release me, let me go;

I have so many things to see and do, you mustn't tie yourself to me with tears;

be happy that we had so many years. I gave to you my love;

you can only guess how much you gave to me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you each have shown.

But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must;

then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a while that we must part,

so keep the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on;

so if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near;

and if you listen with your heart;

you'll hear all of my love around you soft and dear.

And then when you must come this way alone,

I'll greet you with a smile and say

***"Welcome Home"***